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### The Reserves By "PILGRIM"

A matter which should require serious thought is that so early in the season, Clubs are failing to field compete reserve teams, 8 or 9 players being all that have turned out. It seems to be thought by some Clubs that second team matches are of little account whilst supporters join in heaping every kind of criticism on them.

It must be realised that to these second team players their matches are most important. Every game to them is a chance to make the first team and when they are made to feel that their efforts are not appreciated, and sometimes belittled, it is a big handicap.

Clubs would do well to remember that Reserve Team matches are vitally important to the Club. They provide their only possible opportunity for training and developing the young players who are being got ready in the belief that they will justify promotion to the senior side. Club officials should give them every possible encouragement, and club supporters could do the same by watching their games more often than they do.

By this means they will have a chance to prove themselves. I have known of many cases where a reserve team has played away and not a single official of the Club has been with them. Many of the reserves are good enough to appear in any senior football and who can be called upon to play in any of the "firsts" matches at any time. They are there for that purpose, and only count as reserves because it is impossible to include all

the players in the first side. They are entitled, in these circumstances to the highest respect. I have known many cases where reserve teams playing away never sighted an official of their Club. Club fielding reserve teams must carry out their obligation in fairness to their opponents who often travel considerable distances.

Soccer needs today, efficient, well run clubs, who regard their reserves as a vital link in the Soccer Chain, not as some would think—an encumbrance.



#### TECHNICAL SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS

A letter has been received by the Secretary of the V.S.F.A. giving details of dates on which the Technical Schools Soccer Competition will operate this year on their Sports Days on Wednesdays.

An appeal was also made to the V.S.F.A. to provide referees and coaches for these teams and the matter has been referred to the Referees Association to see if they can help.

However, there may be other people interested in soccer who are free on Wednesday afternoons, and should they desire to offer their services would they kindly contact the Secretary of the V.S.F.A. Mr. Armstrong (MW 7476) who can supply any further information required.

## RESULTS AT A GLANCE

## First Division

Brighton 5 (Jones 2, Barr 2, Parson) d. Moreland 2.

Box Hill 7 (Hutchinson 2, Davis, 2, Mountford, Bayley, Chappell) d. Yallourn 4 (McIvor 2, Boyes).

Western Suburbs 2 drew with Prahran 2.  
Sunshine United 2 d. Park Rangers 1.

## Second Division

Coburg 7 d. Northcote 4.

Bradford 0 drew with South Melbourne United 0.

Hakoah J.R.C. 2 (Pollitzer, Greenbreg) d. South Yarra 1 (Johnson).

Preston 2 d. Ringwood 1.

## Third Division

Heidelberg "A" 9 d. Brighton 1 (Sinclair).

Heidelberg "B" 4 d. Northern United 1.

Melbourne University 6 d. Yarraville 0.

Olympic 2 drew with Woodlands 2.

Macedonians 3 d. Metters 0.

George Cross 2 d. Williamstown 1.

## First Division Reserves

Brighton 7 (Walton 3, Taylor, Finney, Short, Maver) d. Moreland 1.

Yallourn 7 d. Box Hill 1.

Prahran 7 d. Western Suburbs 2.

Park Rangers 3 d. Sunshine United 1.

## Second Division Reserves

Northcote defaulted against Coburg.

South Melbourne United 3 (Sperotto, James) d. Bradford 2.

South Yarra 5 d. Hakoah J.R.C. 1.

Preston 4 d. Ringwood 0.

## Under 19 Division

Hakoah J.R.C. 2 (Simon 2) d. Preston 1.

Western Suburbs 6 d. South Yarra 0.

Yallourn 2 d. Prahran 1.

Brighton 4 (Donaldson 3, McKenzie) d. Box Hill 1.

Park Rangers 4 d. Coburg 0.

## Under 17 Division

Preston 4 d. Box Hill 2 (Beveridge, Reece).

South Melbourne United 5 (Watson 3, Tomlinson 2) d. Coburg 0.

Brighton 3 (Parker, Ross, McMurray) d. Sunshine United 0.

## Under 15 Division

Brighton 1 drew with Preston 1.

Box Hill 1 (Bedford) d. Ringwood 0.

Northcote versus Sunshine United result not to hand.

## HOW THEY STAND

## First Division

Club	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		
					F.	A.	Pt.
Sunshine United . . .	7	7	0	0	33	9	14
Box Hill . . . . .	7	4	1	2	22	16	9
Brighton . . . . .	7	3	2	2	17	14	8
Prahran . . . . .	7	3	1	3	17	19	7
Moreland . . . . .	7	3	0	4	18	18	6
Park Rangers . . . .	7	2	2	3	13	15	6
Western Suburbs . . .	7	1	3	3	8	25	5
Yallourn . . . . .	7	0	1	6	20	32	1

## Second Division

Club	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		
					F.	A.	Pt.
Bradford . . . . .	7	6	1	0	21	1	13
Hakoah J.R.C. . . . .	7	5	1	1	18	12	11
South Melb. United .	7	4	2	1	26	10	10
South Yarra . . . . .	7	4	0	3	24	12	8
Coburg . . . . .	7	4	0	3	24	18	8
Preston . . . . .	7	2	0	5	16	30	4
Ringwood . . . . .	7	0	1	6	7	27	1
Northcote . . . . .	7	0	1	6	8	34	1

## Third Division

Club	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		
					F.	A.	Pt.
Heidelberg "A" . . .	5	4	1	0	31	3	9
George Cross . . . .	5	4	1	0	13	4	9
Melb. University . . .	5	3	2	0	23	6	8
Olympic . . . . .	4	3	1	0	13	5	7
Yarraville . . . . .	4	3	0	1	12	11	6
Macedonians . . . . .	5	2	1	2	6	11	
Brighton . . . . .	5	2	0	3	12	16	
Williamstown . . . . .	5	1	1	3	8	18	3
Woodlands . . . . .	5	0	2	3	8	15	2
Heidelberg "B" . . .	5	1	0	4	6	17	2
Northern United . . .	5	1	0	4	3	18	2
Metters . . . . .	5	0	1	4	6	17	1

## First Division Reserves

Club	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		
					F.	A.	Pt.
Brighton . . . . .	7	5	2	0	33	7	12
Park Rangers . . . .	7	5	2	0	26	7	12
Box Hill . . . . .	7	4	1	2	35	13	9
Prahran . . . . .	7	4	1	2	25	15	9
Yallourn . . . . .	7	3	0	4	19	27	6
Western Suburbs . . .	7	3	0	4	21	35	6
Moreland . . . . .	7	1	0	6	12	32	2
Sunshine United . . .	7	0	0	7	8	43	0

Second Division Reserves

Club	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		
					F.	A.	Pt.
South Melb. United .	7	6	0	1	35	8	12
South Yarra . . . . .	6	6	0	0	24	5	12
Bradford . . . . .	7	5	0	2	23	10	10
Preston . . . . .	7	3	1	3	13	11	7
Hakoah J.R.C. . . . .	5	1	1	3	4	13	3
Coburg . . . . .	5	1	0	4	4	12	2
Northcote . . . . .	4	1	0	3	5	18	2
Ringwood . . . . .	7	0	0	7	4	35	0

NOTE.—(a) Northcote's default against Coburg last Saturday, not yet included in above ladder. (b) Northcote's defaults on the two previous Saturdays against Hakoah and uth Yarra, also not yet included in ladder. (c) Coburg's default against Hakoah on May 22nd, also not included in ladder.

Under 19 Division

Club	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		
					F.	A.	Pt.
Park Rangers . . . .	7	6	0	1	38	4	12
Brighton . . . . .	6	6	0	0	25	4	12
Yallourn . . . . .	7	5	1	1	25	7	11
Preston . . . . .	7	4	0	3	22	11	8

Coburg . . . . .	7	2	2	3	13	17	6
Box Hill . . . . .	7	2	1	4	18	18	5
Hakoah J.R.C. . . . .	6	2	1	3	14	19	5
Western Suburbs . . .	7	2	1	4	15	22	5
Prahran . . . . .	7	1	2	4	9	22	4
South Yarra . . . . .	7	0	0	7	2	57	0

Under 17 Division

Club	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		
					F.	A.	Pt.
South Melb. United .	7	7	0	0	31	3	14
Preston . . . . .	7	6	0	1	22	7	12
Brighton . . . . .	7	4	0	3	23	10	8
Box Hill . . . . .	7	2	0	5	13	24	4
Sunshine United . . .	7	2	0	5	11	22	4
Coburg . . . . .	7	0	0	7	0	34	0

Under 15 Division

Club	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		
					F.	A.	Pt.
Preston . . . . .	6	4	2	0	27	4	10
South Melb. United .	5	4	1	0	42	3	9
Brighton . . . . .	6	4	1	1	30	7	9
Sunshine United . . .	5	2	0	3	10	39	4
Box Hill . . . . .	6	2	0	4	4	19	4
Ringwood . . . . .	5	0	0	5	5	28	0
Northcote . . . . .	3	0	0	3	0	18	0

NOTE.—Northcote's default against South Melbourne United on May 22nd not yet included in above ladder. Result of Sunshine United versus Northcote match not to hand at time of going to press, so therefore not included in above ladder.



A BRIEF REVIEW OF LAST SATURDAY'S GAMES

Last Saturday marked the half-way stage of home and away fixtures, and during these past seven weeks it has been quite noticeable that games in the two main divisions have been much keener than in the past few seasons. With the re-introduction of promotion and relegation, this might have had something to do with the improvement of the game, but the standard of play generally is, in the writer's opinion, a long way yet below that of pre-war years. This of course can be remedied, but it is the players themselves whom we look to, to do this, for if they, in their various teams, combine as one unit when they are playing a game, instead of as individualists, the standard of the game must improve. Many readers will remember, and its not many years ago, when ordinary league

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matches at Middle Park attracted crowds three and four deep right around the ground. If this could be done once, it could be done again, but as I stated before, it is up to the players themselves to improve the standard of the game. So get to it you fellows, and give us that brand of football that many of us have heard so much about, but have never seen.

Sunshine United, leaders of the First Division, are in an excellent position for the premiership, and are the only team to have gained maximum points in the two main divisions. In their match last week against Park Rangers, they met much stiffer opposition than was expected, but managed to come out on top by the odd goal in three.

Moreland did not follow on their success of the previous week, and went down at home against Brighton to the extent of 5 goals to two.

Box Hill, with many changes in its side, were at one stage of the game down by 3 goals, but when the players settled down they quickly took control of the game, and defeated Yallourn by 7 goals to 4.

In the Second Division, the match of the day was at Footscray, where the visitors, South Melbourne United, caused Bradford to drop its first point of the season. South pressed very hard in the last ten minutes for the decisive goal, but failed to penetrate the excellent custodianship of the Bradford goalie. The game ended in th scoreless draw.

Good football was also witnessed at Olympic Park, where the home team, Hakoah was successful in a very close match, the final result being 2-1.

Preston won its second game for the season on Saturday in another very close contest against Ringwood. This game also ended in a 2-1 victory.

In the Third Division, Heidelberg's first team is still beating all-comers, and defeated Brighton Thirds comfortably. Woodlands ran Olympic to a very close contest which ended in a draw, 2 goals each. George Cross running second on the ladder were hard pressed by Williamstown, but managed to gain the verdict by 2 to 1. Yarraville had its first defeat of the season at the hands of the University, who won comfortably by six clear goals. Heidelberg "A," Olympic, George Cross and the University have yet to be defeated.

## PROSPECTS FOR TODAY

Today sees the second half of the league programme in full swing, as far as the two main divisions are concerned. The match of the day in Division 1 appears to be the contest at Olympic Park between Box Hill and Brighton. Brighton will be endeavouring to take the second position on the ladder from Box Hill.

In the first round of games played on April 17th, these two teams played a 2-all draw, and on form it looks as if another very hard tussle will be staged. If Moreland follows up its sequence of winning one week then losing the next, it should be its turn to win this week, but Sunshine United may upset the sequence, although when these teams last met, Sunshine only managed to win by the narrow margin of 5-4. Park Rangers should win at home against Prahran, and Yallourn may open its winning account against Western Suburbs.

Match of the day in the Second Division will be at Middle Park where South Melbourne United will be striving hard to gain second position against Hakoah. These two teams played a draw in the first round of

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matches, and both teams have improved since then. A good hard contest is certain, with the result in doubt right to the final blast of the whistle. Of the remaining games the only contest that looks at all open is Bradford's home match against Coburg. Coburg usually turns on a good brand of football especially when against opposition. Bradford defeated Coburg 2-0, when they last met, and a similar close result may eventuate in this match.

Heidelberg's first team should have its hardest match of the season in the Third Division contest against George Cross to be played at Heidelberg. Both teams are running first and second respectively on the ladder, and far both have yet to be defeated.



### NEXT SATURDAY'S GAMES

#### First Division

Brighton v. Park Rangers  
Prahran v. Box Hill  
Western Suburbs v. Sunshine United  
Moreland v. Yallourn

#### Second Division

Coburg v. Preston  
South Yarra v. Bradford  
Hakoah J.R.C. v. Ringwood  
Northcote v. South Melbourne United.

#### Third Division

Brighton v. Woodlands  
Heidelberg "B" v. Metters  
Yarraville v. Heidelberg "A"  
Olympic v. Melbourne University  
George Cross v. Northern United  
acedonians v. Williamstown

#### Reserve League

Same draw as for First and Second Division but on reverse grounds.

#### Under 19 Division

Brighton v. South Yarra  
Park Rangers v. Yallourn  
Prahran v. Box Hill  
Western Suburbs v. Hakoah J.R.C.  
Coburg v. Preston

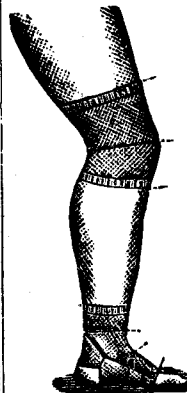
#### Under 17 Division

Coburg v. Sunshine United  
Brighton v. Box Hill  
Preston v. South Melbourne United

#### Under 15 Division

Preston v. Northcote  
Box Hill v. Sunshine United  
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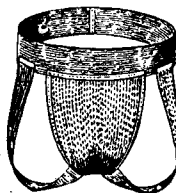


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## JUNIOR INTERSTATE TRIALS AT MIDDLE PARK

This season, it is Victoria's turn to go interstate to compete for the Junior Under 19 Skolnik Cup to be played at Adelaide against South Australia. Last season at Olympic Park, South Australia was successful in taking the cup back to South Australia, after Victoria had held it for the two previous seasons.

Victoria is now getting down to business in readiness for the big match, and are doing solid training at Middle Park every second Sunday. Last Sunday afternoon a very keen match was played between two specially selected Under 19 teams, and tomorrow, a selected Under 19 team will play the Park Rangers Reserves team at Middle Park commencing at 3 p.m.

An Under 15 Junior team also went into training for interstate visits last Sunday, and will train again tomorrow week, at Middle Park.

## CLUB JOTTINGS

### Box Hill Versus Yallourn

If the Box Hill City Council happen to be looking round for the culprits who removed the Surrey Park Oval it would be advised to seek in the wash troughs at the homes of the Yallourn and Box Hill players. At one stage of the game, which was played in very muddy conditions it looked as if Yallourn would go back to Gippsland with a victory under the belt, as the score was three to one in their favour. Not till the game was well into the second half did the Hillmen appear to be on top.

Yallourn though beaten were always dangerous, McIvor and Boyes being a real handful for the local defenders to cope with. Box Hill did not produce organised attack till late in the game due to several changes in the usual side. Davis up-graded from junior ranks acquitted himself well on the wing for the Hill men scoring twice.

### Hakoah J.R.C. Versus South Yarra at Olympic Park

This game was a hard contest, Hakoah being slightly better than the visitors, as the result proved. Hakoah J.R.C. defeated South Yarra by 2 goals to one. The first goal for Hakoah was scored by Pollitzer from a pass by Greenberg, Hakoah's outside right. In the second half Greenberg kicked the second goal. Shortly afterwards the referee gave South Yarra a penalty, which centre forward Johnson turned into a goal. Final score; Hakoah J.R.C. 2 defeated South Yarra 1.

At Fawkner Park South Yarra Reserves defeated Hakoah J.R.C. Reserves by 5 goals to one.

Hakoah J.R.C. Juniors defeated Preston Juniors by 2 goals to one. N. Simon being the goal scorer for Hakoah.

### Olympic Versus George Cross

On Sunday, 16th May, Olympic played George Cross for a Cup donated by the Presidents of both Clubs. The game was clean and interesting. The Olympic team made many strong attacks which were driven back by a solid George Cross defence. A smart attack by George Cross, within the first 15 minutes of the game, resulted in a

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goal scored by Joe Farrugia. The first half ended with George Cross leading one goal.

The second half of the game was played with much more determination by both sides, but the George Cross defence remained firm and kept the Olympic forward line out. A penalty was received by George Cross but this team failed to add to their score from it, so a game which was very exciting and hard played from beginning to end terminated in a victory for George Cross—one goal to nil. Referee Chas. Sandham, complimented both teams for their good sportsmanship and clean play.

The cup was presented by Mr. Polites, President of Olympic, at a social evening of the Maltese Social Society in Unity Hall, on Saturday, 22nd May, to the George Cross captain, G. Zammit.



SCREEN PUBLICITY

During the forthcoming week the Association's screen slide will be shown at "Rialto Theatre," Box Hill, and "Roxy Theatre," Footscray.

## REFEREE AND THE TEAMS

By F. J. Hall

Before a team takes the field it is not unusual for captains or team managers to issue a few words of wisdom to the players. Such practice has much to commend it but would it not be of greater advantage to both sides if the referees were to also adopt the idea of calling the linesmen together before the game begins and tell them just how he expected them to carry out their duties.

Whether the foregoing has been practised in this country by referees I do not know but I believe that it would be for the good of the game if it were adopted.

Frequently, it is at the last minute, that the referee is looking round to see who is really "running the line" for him, a practice which all teams should attend to well before the match begins. The linesman should be selected at the same time as the team.

My second point may not be in the "book of rules," but I believe that the quality of the game can be improved by a simple action of the referee. I believe that he should call the two teams to the centre of the ground, two minutes before the game is due to start and in a few well chosen words, he should tell the players just what he expected of them, and that he would control the game firmly but fairly.

Controlling the game firmly, commands for the referee the respect of the players, and the spectators, but if ungentlemanly conduct is allowed to creep in without any penalty the standard of play will soon deteriorate.

To referees in general it can be said that they are the all powerful authority on the field and to use that authority wisely and well will always reflect credit on them.

Players make mistakes—so do referees—often very honest mistakes, and very seldom does the referee receive the praise he deserves. Sometimes all he gets is abuse, usually from one-eyed spectators. As an example of such treatment I need quote only one instance—if a player happens to get knocked out temporarily by the ball striking some vulnerable spot the silence is noticeably intense, but if the referee is struck similarly or if he falls over a roar of laughter follows the incident.

Let us make a resolution that we will treat our referees in the gentlemanly manner which

they so richly deserve, because after all there is not much money in the game for them, and they do really earn it—if they all really get it, and in some grades the referee gets just nothing at all.

Under those conditions which we know so well, rain, mud and the rest, would you do it for the love of it?



## LINESMEN SHOULD CUT OUT CAPERS

Does This Apply Here Also?

(Extract from a Scottish Paper)

The unscrupulous and loud-mouthed club linesman, who disputes almost every decision of the referee against his own side and shows his disapproval by running onto the field or by gesticulating on the touchline, is a real nuisance.

The referee's task is difficult enough without having to contend with these vicious capers. Frequently he has more trouble in controlling two linesmen than he has with 22 players.

The effect these individuals have on young players is disturbing. I have seen small, trivial incidents being magnified out of all proportion to their importance, and players incited to "get stuck into it." The usual sequel—some player being sent off the field.

Supporters too, are sometimes encouraged by these individuals to run on to the field. And then the harvest. Players are suspended, grounds are closed, but the real culprit, the club linesman, carries guiltily on.

Recently those football pests have come up against referees who refuse to tolerate their actions and have sent them off.

How to punish them is something that has been causing the officials concern. Unusual practice is to suspend them from acting as linesmen until the end of the season. This punishment is proving much too lenient.

It is the clubs who appoint the linesmen, and I believe the only method of dealing with it is to punish the clubs guilty of employing such individuals.

Until referees are employed on the line in all games, I would advise clubs to be as careful with the selection of their linesman as they are in selecting their team.

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It has been noticed by people interested in Soccer who listen to this session that results of Soccer games are conspicuous by their absence. The Victorian Soccer Football Association has an arrangement with 3AW to include our results in this session, and so the absence of this information is not the fault of the administration.

On Saturday, 8th May, the announcer was heard to remark "I have only one soccer result to hand." On Saturday, 15th May, there were no soccer scores given on this session although there were 33 games played during the day from the Under 15 grade to the First Division.

The responsibility for this state of affairs therefore rests with the Clubs and although this matter has been mentioned at Management Committee meetings, it would appear that if delegates have made reports to their Clubs the Club managements have made no

attempt to place the matter of publicity on an organised basis.

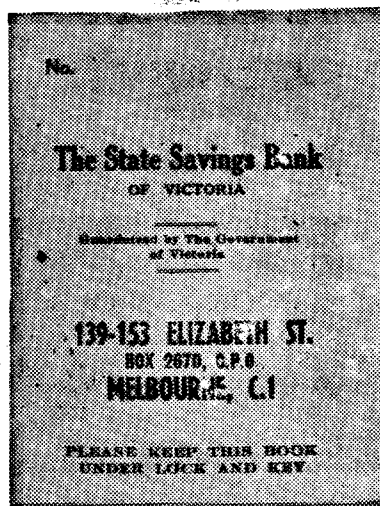
If soccer is to make progress in this State each Club must play its part by using the avenues provided for publicity and giving the public the information it wants. Club Correspondents should phone results to the Secretary of the V.S.F.A. Mr. Armstrong (MW 7476) immediately after the conclusion of games each week and they will then be sent to 3AW in time for the Sports Session mentioned above.



### A WARNING

Referees, although blind on the field in the interests of the game, cannot help what they see in dressing rooms.

To all officials I give a warning—see that your players boots are properly studded, and no nails are protruding, before they go onto the field of play. Appoint an official for that purpose, and have a boot last in the dressing room, also spare studs, round, not conical.



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